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## Sir:

In accordance with the Applicant's duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the first Office Action on the merits.

Copies of the foreign patent documents and the non-patent publications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Copies of the published U.S. patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are not enclosed, pursuant to Deputy Commissioner Stephen G. Kunin's Pre OG Notice dated July 11, 2003.

It should be noted that the above-identified application is related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 10/632,132, filed July 30, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) and M.P.E.P. 2004, paragraph 9, the applicant brings these copending applications to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified application.

The documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) include those cited in the European Search Report for a related

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United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 0217871.3. A copy of the Search Report (1 page) is enclosed herewith.

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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 (modified) (1 page)

Copy of Search Report for GB 0217871.3 (1 page)

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE OF 102(e) DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,129,639	7/1992	DeHority	270	1.1	•
	5,467,434	11/1995	Hower, Jr. et al.	395	114	
	5,625,757	4/1997	Kageyama et al.	395	113	
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO
07-219270	8/1995	JP			abstract
10-058793	3/1998	JP			abstract

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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